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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4185
INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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DEPT FOR A/DASS ST MARS AND A/SY/FO

HONG KONG FOR RSS, OIC/RTC

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: SECURITY STAFFING AND ALARM SYSTEM - VIENTIANE

REF: BANGKOK 9875 AND GUTENSOHN/ST MARS TELECON OF MAY 5,
1978

1. ALARM SYSTEM HAS BEEN BENCH-TESTED IN BANGKOK AND PROVEN
ENTIRELY WORKABLE. TEAM IS READY TO PROCEED TO VIENTIANE
IMMEDIATELY UPON ISSUANCE OF VISAS. REQUESTS HAVE BEEN IN FOR
MORE THAN A MONTH BUT LAO GOVERNMENT, THROUGH STATE OF INTERNAL
COMMUNICATION AND GENERAL FOOT-DRAGGING, HAS NOT RESPONDED.
HOPE TO HAVE TRAVEL APPROVAL BY NEXT WEEK.

2. INSTALLATION AND IN-PLACE TESTING IS EXPECTED TO CONSUME
ABOUT A WEEK OF BANGKOK TEAM'S TIME. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT
BOTH SECURITY OFFICERS REMAIN ON POST FOR A TWO-WEEK SHAKEDOWN
PERIOD AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE INSTALLATION TEAM, AND THAT ONE
POSITION THAN BE ABOLISHED, LEAVING A SINGLE SECURITY
OFFICER AT POST. NOTE: THE EMBASSY HAS AGREED UPON FUNCTIONAL
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PRIORITIES OF REMAINING SECURITY OFFICER AND NO CONFLICT IS
FORESEEN.

3. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT NANETTE A KRIEGER, SENIOR
SECURITY OFFICER IN LAOS SERVICE TIME, BE TRANSFERRED AND
CLIFF FLOWERS REMAIN. INSTALLATION TEAM MEMBERS WILL TRAIN
FLOWERS ON MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC MAINTENANCE OF SYSTEM PRIOR TO

THEIR DEPARTURE. THE FOREGOING HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AND AGREED UPON BY POST OFFICIALS, RSO, KRIEGER AND FLOWERS.

4. PER ST MARS/GUTENSOHN TELECON: STRONGLY RECOMMEND KRIEGER'S TDY ASSIGNMENT TO BANGKOK FOLLOWING DEPARTURE FROM VIENTIANE. FEEL HER PRESENCE, IN HOME-LEAVE ABSENCE OF RSO, WOULD PROVE MOST BENEFICIAL TO THE REGIONAL OPERATION. THE TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF AT LEAST SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP IN THE GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE PROGRAM AND WOULD SURELY PROVE VALUABLE TRAINING VEHICLE FOR DRSO KILGORE AS A SUPERVISOR AND TO KRIEGER IN INTRODUCING HER TO THE BROADER ASPECTS OF A LARGE SECURITY OPERATION. SENIOR BANGKOK OFFICIALS, RSO AND RSS KNAUF HAVE DISCUSSED THE FOREGOING AND AGREE THAT KILGORE IS ENTIRELY CAPABLE OF HANDLING PROGRAM AND THAT THE PRESENCE OF KRIEGER, WHO KNOWS AREA AND IS HERSELF KNOWN AND RESPECTED HERE, WOULD BE COST-EFFECTIVE AND MOST PRODUCTIVE ALL AROUND.

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